



**Warrant
Truro Special Town Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2014
6:00 pm
Truro Community Center**

PLEASE NOTE:

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Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to warn the inhabitants of the Town of Truro qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Truro Community Center on **Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 6:00 pm**; then and there to vote on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: AUTHORIZATION FOR POLICE CRUISER REPLACEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Two Thousand One Hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$32,138) from the Insurance Proceeds in excess of Twenty Thousand Dollars account (Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund #2201) under and pursuant to Chapter 44 Section 53 of Massachusetts General Laws, and further to transfer from available funds the sum of Three Thousand Eight Hundred sixty-two dollars (\$3,862) for the purpose of purchasing a 2013 Dodge Police Vehicle. *Requested by the Board of Selectmen*

Finance Committee Recommendation: reserves recommendation to Town Meeting
Board of Selectmen Recommendation: 5-0 in favor

Comment: *General Laws require Town Meeting approval to use proceeds from an insurance claim to replace damaged equipment if the amount is in excess of \$20,000. The Town received \$32,138 in damages from our insurance company for the police cruiser that was totaled in an accident in August 2013. The Police Department wishes to use that payout and an additional \$3,862 from available funds to purchase a replacement cruiser.*

ARTICLE 2: TRANSFER AVAILABLE FUNDS TO PURCHASE POLICE VEHICLE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand dollars (\$28,000) to pay costs of a police cruiser, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; to authorize the Town Administrator to solicit bids, to enter into contracts and to expend this money for this

purpose; to meet this appropriation, to seek, accept and expend any funds or grants which may be available to defray a portion of the project's cost; or to take any other action relative thereto. *Requested by the Board of Selectmen*

Finance Committee Recommendation: reserves recommendation to Town Meeting

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: 4 in favor, 1 abstention

***Comment:** This article would approve funding to purchase an unmarked Police cruiser. The Department's existing 2007 "unmarked" Ford Taurus (6 years old, over 120,000 miles) currently requiring 2 catalytic converters at a cost estimated to be up to \$3,000. Replacement vehicle identified as a Toyota Camry (high resale value, dependability and good fuel economy) – Cost \$28,000.00 minus trade-in. This vehicle is used for court work and conducting investigations where a marked car is inappropriate.*

ARTICLE 3: TRANSFER AVAILABLE FUNDS TO PURCHASE POLICE VEHICLE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000) to pay costs of a four wheel drive vehicle for the Police Department, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; to authorize the Town Administrator to solicit bids, to enter into contracts and to expend this money for this purpose; to meet this appropriation, to seek, accept and expend any funds or grants which may be available to defray a portion of the project's cost; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommendation: reserves recommendation to Town Meeting

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: 4 in favor, 1 abstention

***Comment:** This article would approve funding for an all-wheel drive vehicle for the Police Department. The Department plans to further reduce its fleet by trading in two vehicles and purchasing one all-wheel drive replacement. Originally scheduled for replacement in 2015, the Department's existing 2006 Ford Expedition (4X4) (7 years old with 78,895 miles) requires extensive and costly repairs; Frame cross member is completely rotted under the Radiator and A/C Condenser (parts held in only by the hoses). Repairs require removal of the front end, both the fenders, hood, and cutting / welding in new frame parts. Right side exhaust manifold is cracked, spark plugs are bad, and the transmission is slipping. Outside vendor repairs are estimated at a minimum of \$5,000.00-\$6,000.00 if nothing else is found. Additionally the Department's 2005 Ford Crown Victoria (9 years old next summer with 91,738 miles) has a blown engine. Replacement parts are estimated at \$3,000.00 if nothing else is found.*

Changing our normal 2 wheel drive vehicles to all wheel drive gives the Department better versatility and enhances our ability to respond during storms and to non-paved roads or beaches.

ARTICLE 4: TRANSFER AVAILABLE FUNDS TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred fifteen dollars and no cents (\$27,315) to reimburse the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for monies expended on the repair and maintenance of the affordable rental property located at 14 Firehouse Road, or to take any other action relative thereto. *Requested by the Board of Selectmen*

Finance Committee Recommendation: reserves recommendation to Town Meeting

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: 4 in favor, 1 abstention

Comment: *At their meeting on September 24, 2013, the Board of Selectmen, acting as the Trustees of the Affordable Housing Trust, approved expending \$27,315 to make much needed repairs to the property. Timing was critical in order to retain a contractor and make the repairs before cold weather sets in.*

ARTICLE 5: RE-APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR OVERHEAD DOORS AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

To see if the Town will vote to re-appropriate Fifteen Thousand dollars and no cents (\$15,000) encumbered from the FY2009 Operating Capital Budget for a range hood and fire suppression system at the Public Safety Facility, such re-appropriated funds to be used to purchased new overhead doors at the Public Safety Facility, or to take any other action relative thereto. ***Requested by the Board of Selectmen***

Finance Committee Recommendation: reserves recommendation to Town Meeting
Board of Selectmen Recommendation: 5-0 in favor

Comment: *This money would be used to replace two overhead doors at the Public Safety Facility.*

ARTICLE 6: APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR REGIONAL EMERGENCY SHELTER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money toward the establishment of a regional emergency shelter, or to take any other action relative thereto. ***Requested by Board of Selectmen***

Finance Committee Recommendation: reserves recommendation to Town Meeting
Board of Selectmen Recommendation: 5 in favor

Comment: *This article would appropriate funding to pay Truro's share of the costs associated with medical supplies and meals for the emergency shelter. The shelter is a joint effort between the Town of Truro and the Town of Provincetown, and will be located at the old Veteran's Elementary School in Provincetown. Each town will contribute \$10,000 toward these costs for stocking the shelter.*

ARTICLE 7: RETURN OF NEW SOUTH CEMETERY LOTS AND REIMBURSEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to accept the return of Lots 288 and 289, Block 10 at the New South Cemetery and approve the reimbursement, through an appropriation of available funds, the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred dollars and no cents (\$1,200) to Robert E. Huettner and Virginia C. Huettner for the original purchase price of said lots, or to take any other action relative thereto. ***Requested by the Board of Selectmen***

Finance Committee Recommendation: reserves recommendation to Town Meeting
Board of Selectmen Recommendation: 5-0 in favor

Comment: *Mr. and Mrs. Huettner no longer live in the area, and wish to return the lots they purchased in 2004 to the Town. This Article would allow the Town and Cemetery Commission to accept the lots and to reimburse Mr. and Mrs. Huettner for the original purchase price.*

ARTICLE 8: APPROPRIATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUNDS TO ASSIST WITH LAND PURCHASE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Forty Five Thousand dollars and no cents (\$45,000.00) for the Truro Housing Authority to utilize, in conjunction with the appropriation approved at the 2013 Annual Town meeting, Article 12, Section 3, to purchase a buildable lot for the creation of affordable

housing, subject to a permanent affordable housing deed restriction, by the Truro Housing Authority, or take any other action relative thereto. ***Requested by the Board of Selectmen***

Finance Committee Recommendation: reserves recommendation to Town Meeting

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: 5 in favor

Comment: Last spring, voters approved an \$180,000 allocation of Community Preservation Act funds to the Housing Authority for land acquisition for affordable housing. In response to an RFP, Habitat for Humanity, Cape Cod was selected to receive the grant and to build an affordable home in Truro. However, land prices have begun to increase during the past year and a few of the lots which were being considered have been purchased by other buyers.

The Housing Authority is requesting approval for disbursement of up to \$45,000 from the Truro Affordable Housing Trust Fund to ensure that land acquisition can be completed and Habitat for Humanity can move forward with a home build in the coming year.

ARTICLE 9: APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT MODIFICATIONS TO THE STAFFING AND STRUCTURE OF THE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the Fire Department Personnel and Staffing Plan reserve account (line item #010153-510000) authorized and established under Article 11 of the May 2, 2013 Annual Town Meeting; this appropriation will be used to implement modifications to the Department recommended by the consultant, supported by the Town Administrator and Finance Committee and adopted by the Board of Selectmen in advance of the spring 2014 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto. ***Requested by the Board of Selectmen***

Finance Committee Recommendation: reserves recommendation to Town Meeting


Board of Selectmen Recommendation: reserves recommendation to Town Meeting

Comment: In performance of their review of the Fire Department, Municipal Resources Inc. has identified that in their opinion the majority of the on call members of the Fire & Rescue Department lack the necessary training and certification. This represents a possible threat to their personal safety and that of the Town. The Board of Selectmen as part of their oversight, may determine it is necessary to instruct the interim Fire Chief to hire part-time firefighters that have received standards based firefighter training as determined by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

In conformity with Section 2.3.5 of the Truro Town Charter, you are hereby directed to serve these warrants, by posting duly-attested copies in Town Hall, the United States Post Offices, two other public places in Truro and two other public places in North Truro, fourteen days, at least, before the date of said meetings.

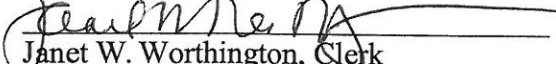
Hereto fail not and make due return of the warrants, together with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at time and place of said meetings. Given unto our hands this 26th day of December in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

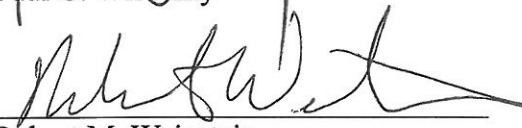
We, the members of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Truro, have read the warrant for Annual Town Meeting to be held at 6 :00 p.m. on January 15th , 2014, at the Truro Community Center. Acting in capacity of the Board of Selectmen we do hereby grant approval of and permission for the above mentioned warrant.


Jay Coburn, Chairman

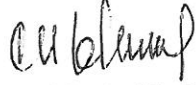

Breon N. Dunigan, Chairman


Paul C. Wisofzky



Janet W. Worthington, Clerk


Robert M. Weinstein

A true copy, attest:


Cynthia A. Slade
Town Clerk, Town of Truro

Sirs: I have served this warrant by posting duly attested copies thereof at the following places:
Grozier's Garage, Lower Cape Auto & Truck Repair, Savory & Sweet Escape, Pamet Valley Liquors, Truro Post Office, N. Truro Post Office, Truro Public Safety Facility, Truro Public Library, Transfer Station, Truro Central School, Truro Community Center, Highland Links Clubhouse and Truro Town Hall


date 12-30-13 Constable

